

Nutrition Services Department of State Health Services

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Coordination of Program Operations

Purpose

To simplify procedures and reduce the duplication of efforts between WIC and other health care providers in the community. To reduce the number of times WIC applicants/participants are subjected to the same assessment procedures.

Authority

State Policy

Policy

To the extent possible, local agencies (LAs) shall use the health and medical data from other health care providers to determine the eligibility of WIC applicants, and shall ensure that WIC participants are given information obtained in the WIC eligibility process to share with their health care providers.

Procedures

- I. Each LA shall develop and implement a plan to encourage the exchange of health and medical data with other health care providers via the applicant/participant. A written copy of the plan shall be available at the LA. At a minimum, the plan shall describe steps the LA shall take to encourage:
 - A. applicants and participants to bring health/medical data from their health care providers; and
 - B. external health care providers to provide WIC participants with health data needed to determine WIC eligibility. (See **Policy CS: 17.0** for length of time referral data is valid.)

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Guidelines

Programs with whom local agencies may coordinate include but are not limited to the following:

- I. Family Planning;
- II. Immunization;
- III. Maternal and Child Health;
- IV. Texas Health Steps (EPSDT);
- V. breastfeeding support and education groups;
- VI. Food Stamps;
- VII. Medicaid;
- VIII. alcohol and drug abuse counseling;
- IX. Child Protective Services (CPS);
- X. Texas Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention (ECI);
- XI. Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN);
- XII. Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).